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Floriculturist  
MILLDALE, CONNECTICUT

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ESTABLISHED 1915

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**OUR 1955 NEW ROSES THAT WILL BRING YOU MUCH PLEASURE**



**RED SPLENDOR**  
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A large bud of **bright red** color. Moderate fragrance and excellent lasting quality. Flower opens to approximately six inches across with over fifty-five petals.

Sport of Joyance x Regina Elena.



**GRANDEUR**  
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A large pointed bud of **cerise red** color. Moderate fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens full into cabbage rose form to approximately four inches across with about seventy large petals.

Sport of Joyance x Regina Elena.



**MAGIC**  
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A beautiful **silver pink** color. Moderate fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens to approximately five and one-half inches across with about seventy-five petals.

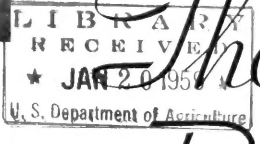
Sport of Thornless Beauty x Better Times.



**BLONDINE**  
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A delicate **blush pink** color. Moderate fragrance and very good lasting quality. Flower opens to about four inches across with approximately sixty petals.

Sport of Catalina x Joanna Hill.



# Story of "Thornless Beauty"

World's First Recorded Hybrid Tea Rose Without a Thorn!

For centuries it has been every Floriculturist's dream to grow a hybrid tea rose without a thorn. Now this dream has come true and every flower lover can grow this wonderful Rose in their garden. It was in 1937 when Nicholas Grillo, Floriculturist, Milldale, discovered this off-spring (so called a Sport by Floriculturists) of the "Better Times" rose. In 1938 while only about a dozen plants were under experiment in Grillo's greenhouse at Milldale, a newspaper reporter from the Southington News visited the greenhouses and noticed this new rose along with other new roses under experiment. Mr. Grillo did not wish to make any public release at that time until he had a larger quantity of bushes growing, but it was such sensational news for this reporter that without Mr. Grillo's releasing the news it came to the attention of the Associated Press, International news service and the Radio Broadcasting services. The release of this news by the reporter to these services surprised Mr. Grillo with front page publicity and coast to coast radio broadcasts of this amazing development in the world of Floriculture. Right after this many newspaper and magazine representatives with their photographers and writers crowded Mr. Grillo for details concerning the discovery of the rose without a thorn, and from these releases the "THORNLESS BEAUTY" appeared in all the newspapers and magazines throughout the world. Unfortunately when this rose reached the stage of large production where it could be disseminated throughout the world, World War II broke out. Then due to the shortage of skilled labor and material to produce enough stock for all flower lovers, no large quantities were disseminated. Since the end of the war, production of large quantities has been done and this year Mr. Grillo can offer this Beautiful Rose without a thorn. The "THORNLESS BEAUTY" rose offers exceptional beauty, luxurious petalage, a fine rich red color, also as its name indicates, the unique fact of no thorns that all flower lovers dreamed of in a rose. This rose has proven an excellent garden variety and it should have a place in the heart of every rose bed.



**SAYONARA**  
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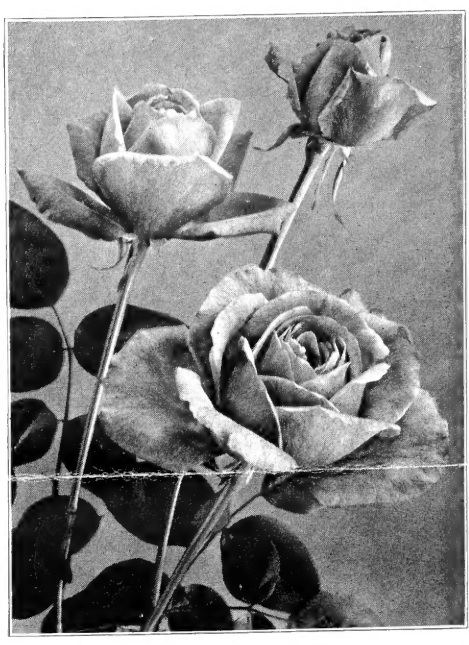
A beautiful **golden yellow** long pointed bud. Sweet fragrance, long lasting quality. Flower opens to approximately five inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Annabella x Joanna Hill

**ALPINE**  
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A long pointed bud of **clear yellow**. Sweet, moderate fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens to five and one-half inches across with about thirty petals.

Sport of Sunnymount x Joanna Hill



**THORNLESS BEAUTY**  
U.S. Plant Patent No. 382

Originated by N. Grillo, Milldale, Conn.

Described in American Rose Annual, 1949. Sport of Better Times. Bud long-pointed, **dark crimson-red**. Flower double, high centered, unusual lasting light **crimson-red** on long strong stems, foliage abundant, leathery wood. Thornless, vigorous, upright, profuse, continuous bloomer.

**OUR 1955 NEW THORNLESS ROSES**  
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**THORNLESS PREMIER**  
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A rich **pink** color, globular-pointed bud, large and full when open, approximately four and one-half inches across. Moderate fragrance, excellent lasting quality, with about 75 petals.

Sport of Victory Stripe x Jewel

**THORNLESS VICTORY STRIPE**  
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Similar to Victory Stripe, pleasing novelty. Has long pointed bud, **dark red and blush pink**. Striped flower approximately five inches across with about 50 petals. Excellent keeping quality.

Sport of Victory Stripe x Jewel

**THORNLESS MIRAGE**

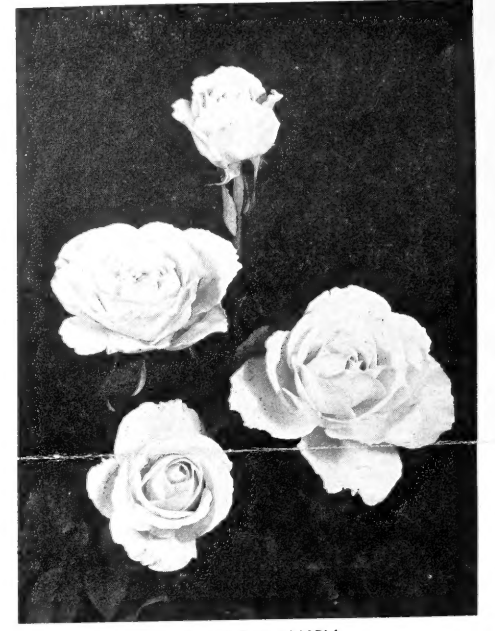
**Novelty red** profused with little variegated striped blush pink and black fringed. Long medium bud with flower approximately five inches across. Moderate fragrance, semi-single, about 25 petals.

Sport of Jewel

**THORNLESS FRINGEDALE**

**Fringed light pink**, a very pleasing color and attraction. Medium long bud, flower approximately four inches across. Moderate fragrance, semi-single, about 25 petals.

Sport of Thornless Beauty



**THORNLESS BLUSH**  
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One of the newest additions to the growing thornless family. A beautiful **blush pink** color. A vigorous and profuse bloomer of excellent lasting quality and moderate fragrance. Flower opens to four and one-half inches across with approximately seventy petals.

Sport of Rosalind Russell x Briarcliff

**OUTDOOR ROSE CULTURE**  
10 IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS

1. Choose drained location with southern exposure.
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6. Keep the soil well cultivated all the time.
7. When insects start to appear, spray with insecticide.
8. While plants are growing, feed lightly on moist soil monthly.
9. In fall pile soil or leaves on plants about ten inches high.
10. In the spring, uncover, prune, cultivate as above.



(Photo by A. Eriss of Three Lions)  
**MR. N. GRILLO IN HIS "THORNLESS BEAUTY" SECTION**

## MORE OF OUR PREFERRED (HYBRID TEA) EVERBLOOMING ROSES NOW AVAILABLE



**RUBY PRINCESS**  
Plant Patent No. 1043

**Dark velvet red** which is retained when open. Moderate fragrance with very good lasting quality. Flower opens to approximately five inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Jewel x Better Times.



**JEWEL**  
Plant Patent No. 367

**Brilliant velvet red** which it retains. Moderate fragrance and very good lasting quality. Flower opens to about five inches across with about fifty petals of heavy texture. Winner of many awards.

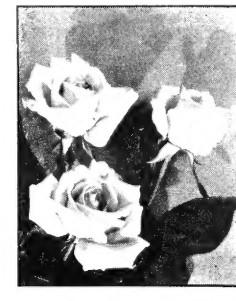
Sport of Better Times.



**JOYANCE**  
Plant Patent No. 778

**Brilliant velvet red** with camellia shape when open. Moderate fragrance with excellent lasting quality. Flower opens to about four and one-half inches across with approximately sixty-five petals.

Sport of Regina Elena x Briarcliff.



**ROSALIND RUSSELL**  
Plant Patent No. 1049

Uniform, clear **silver pink** is between a dark and light pink. Moderate fragrance and excellent lasting quality. Long bud. Flower opens about five inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Regina Elena x Briarcliff.



**CATALINA**  
Plant Patent No. 1013

**Varying apricot shade** which gives off fire-like reflections. Moderate fragrance with good lasting quality. Flower opens to about four and one-half inches across with about thirty-five petals.

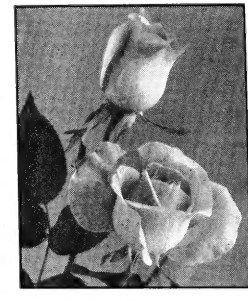
Sport of Joanna Hill.



**SUNNYMOUNT**  
Plant Patent No. 334

A clear **buttercup yellow** which is retained. Strong, sweet fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens to about four inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Joanna Hill.



**REGINA ELENA**  
Plant Patent No. 417

A deep and lasting **dark pink** color. Moderate fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens to five inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Briarcliff.



**VICTORY STRIPE**  
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Pleasing novelty rose of **variegated red** with **blush pink** stripes. Moderate fragrance, excellent lasting quality. Flower opens to about five inches across with about fifty petals.

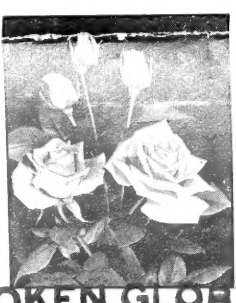
Sport of Jewel x Better Times.



**JUDY**  
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**Deep cerise red**. Moderate fragrance with good lasting quality. Flower opens to about four inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Jewel x Better Times.



**TOKEN SUPREME**  
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Beautiful **deep orange** shade throughout. Moderate fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens to five inches across with about thirty-five petals.

Sport of Token.



**AMERICAN PRIDE**  
Plant Patent No. 49

Beautiful **white** when mature: has a slight tint of pink in bud stage adding to its beauty. Moderate fragrance and excellent lasting quality. Flower opens to about four and one-half inches across with thirty-five large petals.

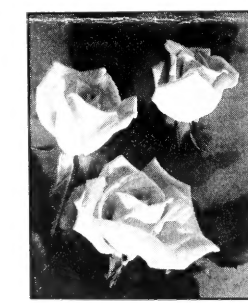
Sport of Grilloale x Madame Butterfly.



**GRILLOALE**  
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**Very light pink** with slightly deeper pink color on inside petals. Fragrant and good lasting quality. Flower opens to four and one-half inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Madame Butterfly.



**ANNABELLA**  
Patent Rights Reserved

**Light buff gold** shade, moderate fragrance and good lasting quality. Flower opens to full five inches across with fifty-five petals.

Sport of Joanna Hill.



**CHIFFON**  
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**Blush pink** with lavender overtint in color. Moderate fragrance and very good lasting quality. Flower opens to five and one-half inches across with about thirty petals of velvety texture.

Sport of Regina Elena x Briarcliff.



**DINAH SHORE**  
Plant Patent No. 762

**Cerise red**, semi-thornless — the rose with the American beauty color. Very strong fragrance and excellent lasting quality. Flower opens to about five inches across with seventy-five petals.

Sport of Jewel x Better Times.



**EMBERGLOW**  
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A rich **salmon pink** color. Moderate fragrance; very good lasting quality. Flower opens to five inches across with about fifty petals.

Sport of Souvenir.

**ALL DIFFERENT COLORS -- FRAGRANT, HARDY, PROLIFIC -- GUARANTEED -- QUALITY ABOVE PRICE -- SEE OUR PRICE LIST**



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Probably the most amazing development in the world of floriculture is "Thornless Beauty," the wonderful new rose that offers exceptional beauty, luxurious petalage and color and yet is the first recorded hybrid tea rose without a thorn!

"Thornless Beauty" has proved excellent for indoor and outdoor culture and is, as its name indicates, a variety that lovers of fine roses have long desired.

Illustration shows typical "Thornless Beauty" average plant growing in the N. Grillo greenhouse six months after planting.

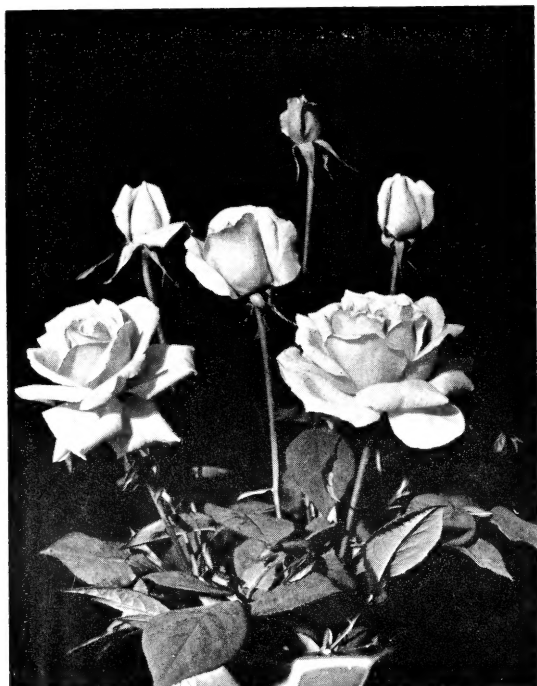
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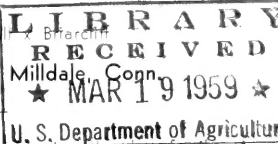


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Thornless Blush was welcomed at November, 1955 Metropolitan Association School in New York City, received high praise from over 3,000 florists in attendance, destined to be one of the most popular light pink roses, because of its beauty and no thorns.

## MORE OF N. GRILLO PREFERRED ROSES

RUBY PRINCESS, dark velvet red	JEWEL, brilliant velvet red
JOYANCE, Brilliant velvet red	ROSALIND RUSSELL, silver pink
CATALINA, varying apricot shade	SUNNYMOUNT, buttercup yellow
JUDY, deep cerise red	REGINA ELINA, dark pink
TOKEN SUPREME, deep orange	GRILLODALE, very light pink
AMERICAN PRIDE, white with tint pink	CHIFFON, blush pink

N. GRILLO, Milldale, Conn. Southington Dial MA 8-2927

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## ALPINE

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## SAYONARA GOLDENDALE

A beautiful **golden yellow**, long pointed bud, sweet fragrance, long lasting quality. Flower opens to about five inches across with about fifty petals.

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Thornless Beauty — Thornless Blush — Red Splendor  
Alpine — Goldendale — Victory Stripe  
Dinah Shore

#1 — \$2.50 each — 12 or more \$2.25 each  
#1½ — \$2.00 each — 12 or more \$1.75 each  
#2 — \$1.50 each — 12 or more \$1.25 each

N. Grillo Rainbow Color Collection — several different varieties — all strong, healthy, ever-blooming, hardy rose bushes; also other standard varieties and climbing rose bushes.

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Order early to assure your required selection.

### ROSE BUSHES (Bare Roots)

Can be planted any time that are available during late autumn to early spring, except northern states where there is freezing ground in the winter.

### POTTED GROWN ROSE BUSHES

Can be planted in the northern states any time from April 15th to late fall with complete success.

Potted Roses, F.O.B. Milldale

### GUARANTEED

Should any bushes, properly planted in the Spring and well taken care of, fail to grow within two months after planting, they will be replaced free of charge upon return with necessary postage.

## THREE RARE VARIETIES

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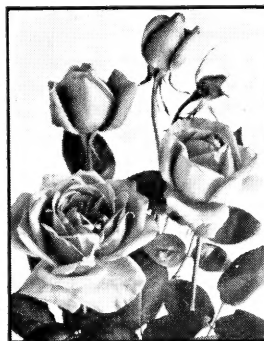


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Sport of Souvenir.

BRING ENJOYMENT AND HAPPINESS — THE QUEEN OF ALL FLOWERS



# CONNECTICUT PRODUCES THORNLESS ROSE

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